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# **Choice & Innovation Subcommittee**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013**

**12:30 PM– 2:30 PM**

**404 HOB**

**Meeting Packet**

**Will Weatherford  
Speaker**

**Michael Bileca  
Chair**



## AGENDA

Choice & Innovation Subcommittee  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Presentations on Digital Learning
  - Dave Myslinski, State Policy Director for Digital Learning Now!
  - Deidre Finn, Special Advisor on Online Learning
  - Mary Jane Tappen, Deputy Chancellor for Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Services, Florida Department of Education
  - Dr. Helen Blanch, Assistant Superintendent, School Choice, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
  - Carlene Anderson, Superintendent of Walton County School District
- IV. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

**Committee Meeting Notice**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

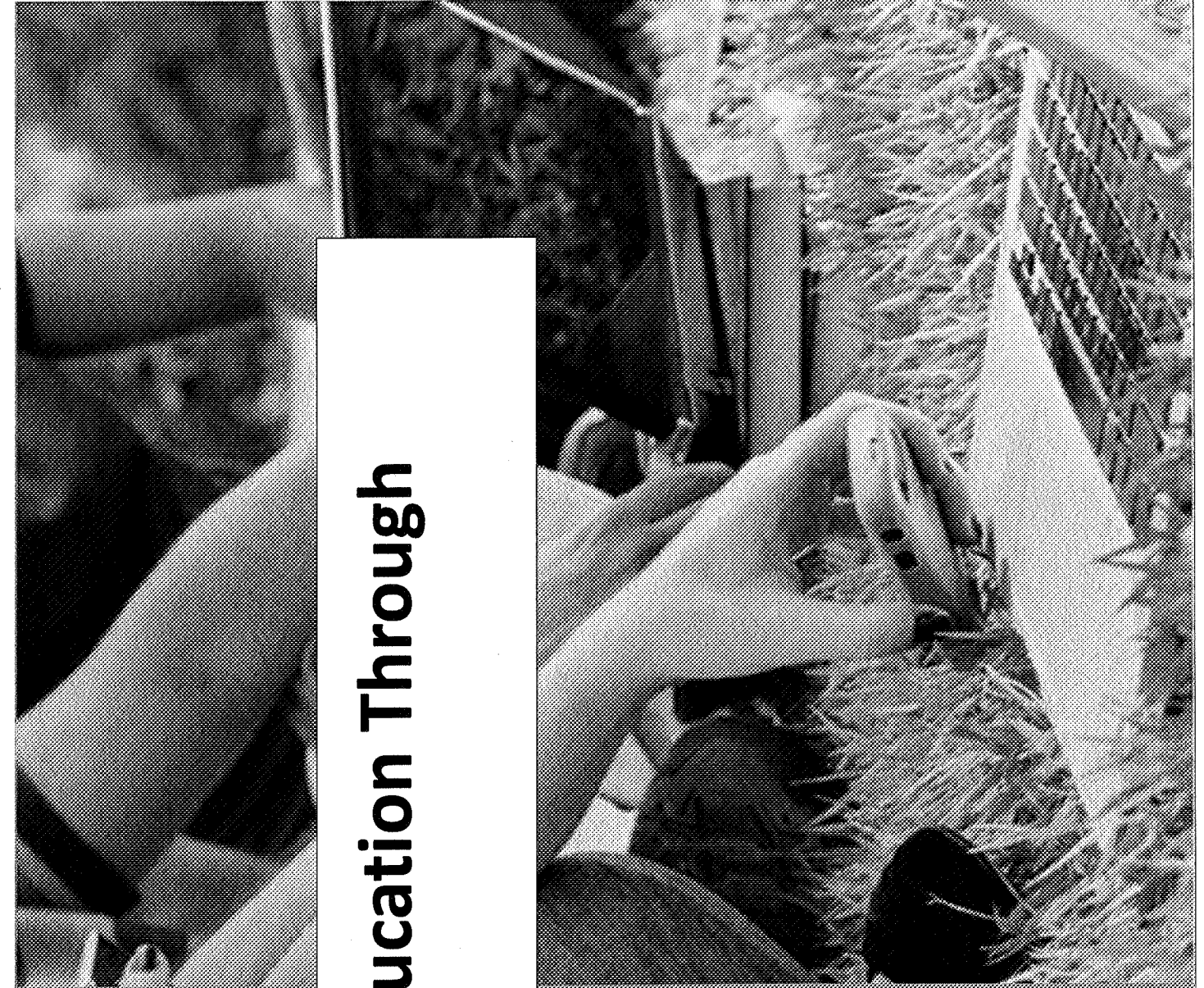
**Choice & Innovation Subcommittee**

**Start Date and Time:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013 12:30 pm  
**End Date and Time:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013 02:30 pm  
**Location:** 404 HOB  
**Duration:** 2.00 hrs

Presentations on the transformation of instruction through digital learning

**NOTICE FINALIZED on 01/16/2013 16:14 by Wright.Kaley**





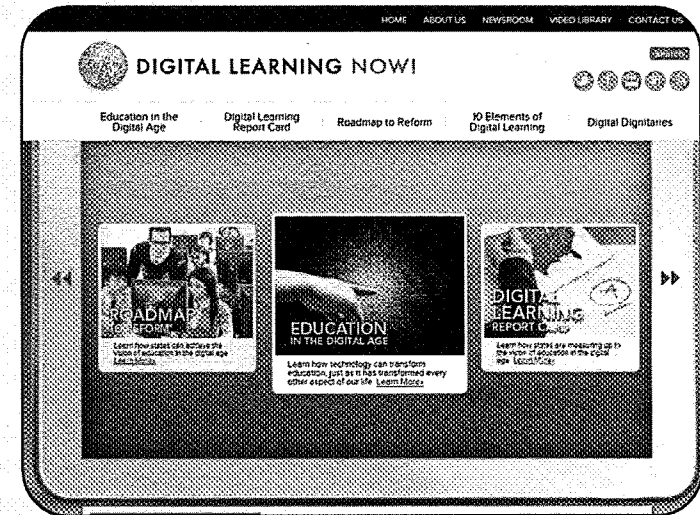
# **Transforming Education Through Digital Learning**

**Dave Myslinski**  
**Digital Learning Now!**

# Digital Learning Now!

Digital Learning Now! is a national campaign under the Foundation for Excellence in Education with the goal of advancing state policies that will create a high-quality digital learning environment to better equip all students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in this 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy.

Digital Learning Now! is building support for the *10 Elements of High Quality Digital Learning*, which provides a roadmap for reform for lawmakers and policymakers to integrate digital learning into education.



- ✓ *State-by-state report card*
- ✓ *Roadmap to reform*
- ✓ *Research reports*
- ✓ *Videos and examples*



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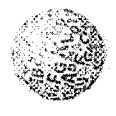
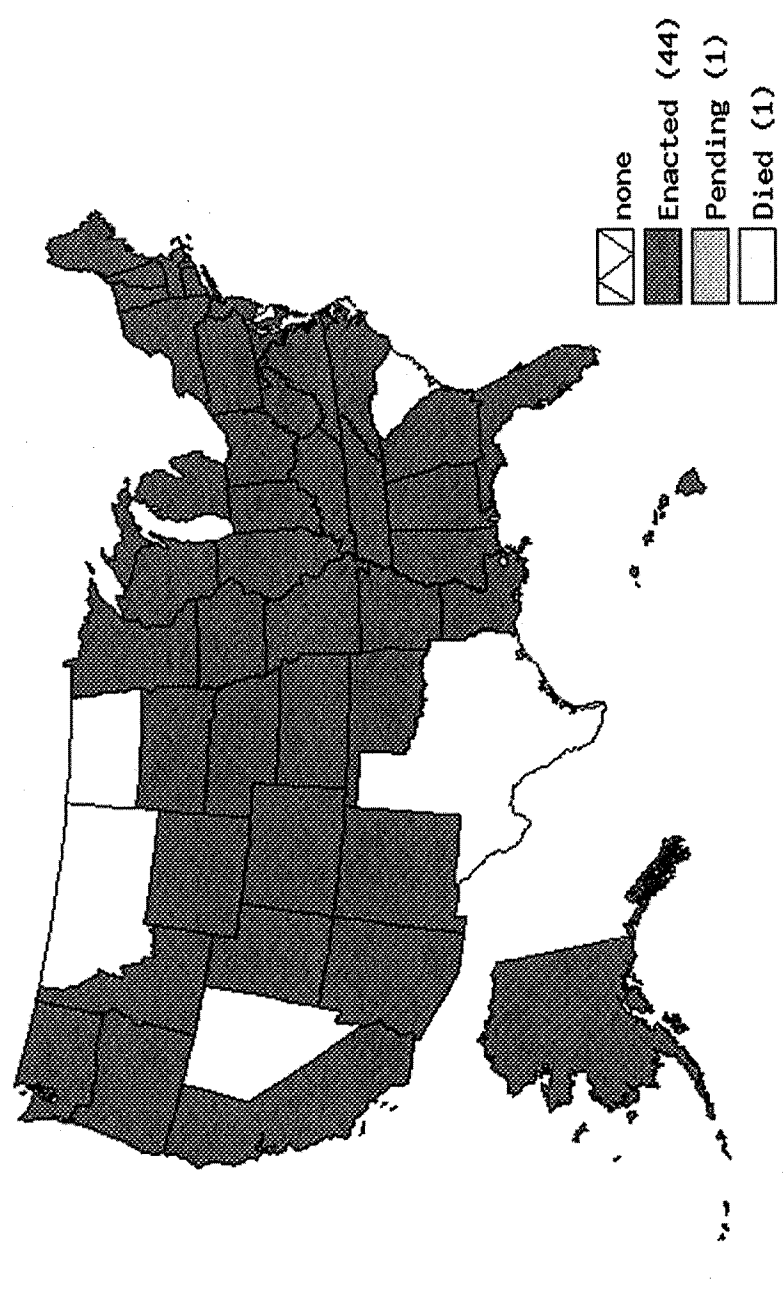
# 10 Elements of High-Quality Digital Learning

1. **Student Eligibility:** All students are digital learners.
2. **Student Access:** All students have access to high-quality digital content and online courses.
3. **Personalized Learning:** All students can customize their education using digital content through an approved provider.
4. **Advancement:** Students progress based on demonstrated competency.
5. **Quality Content:** Digital content, instructional materials, and online and blended learning courses are high quality.
6. **Quality Instruction:** Digital instruction is high quality.
7. **Quality Choices:** All students have access to multiple high quality providers.
8. **Assessment and Accountability:** Student learning is the metric for evaluating the quality of content and instruction.
9. **Funding:** Funding creates incentives for performance, options, and innovation.
10. **Delivery:** Infrastructure supports digital learning.



# Surge of Activity in Digital Learning

Since 2011, more than 847 bills dealing with digital learning were considered in 46 states



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# Louisiana Course Choice

- **Louisiana's Course Choice Program:** Making courses and choice “modular.” Approving a menu of course providers from around the country. Innovative funding model that allows LEA to keep 25% of student's formula funding.
- **Individual Course Funding:**
  - Each course may cost up to 1/6 of 90% (15%) of a student's funding.
  - Remaining 10% stays with the student's home district for administrative purposes.



# Utah Statewide Online Education Program

- Drew upon the 10 Elements of High Quality Digital Learning.
- Funds competency, rather than just seat time. Final funds awarded upon student completion
- Has no participation caps and allows multiple public and private providers.
- The program starts for public high school students in grades 9-12 but then phases in home-school and private school students for eligibility.
- Tiered funding for higher touch courses and core courses.



## Maine Multi-State Learning Technology Initiative

- Maine released an RFP with National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) for equipment and services to empower a wireless student-centered, digital learning environment that provides students with learning technology on a 1:1 basis.
- Other states can join with no obligation.
- RFP responses due June 11, 2013.
- Provides a model for joint-procurement.





# Florida, Now

## Accomplishments

- Individual online courses and virtual schools are available to all high school students.
- Florida Virtual School is recognized internationally as a leading online course innovator.
- Students allowed to enroll with multiple online course providers simultaneously.
- Students allowed to enroll in individual courses on a rolling basis.
- Students required to take an online course to graduate high school.
- Students complete online courses by demonstrating mastery.
- Funding based on student success. Final payment provided upon course completion.
- Instructional materials funding allowed to be used for purchasing digital content.



# Florida, Future

## Next Steps

- Use PARCC assessments as a catalyst to upgrade infrastructure and broadband.
- Allow instructional material funds to be used to purchase hardware.
- Give districts flexibility for choosing instructional content.
- Embed incentives for digital learning models into existing funding and grant programs.
- Explore ways of leveraging FL approvals with other states:
  - Create a course reciprocity process.
  - Leverage joint procurement/approvals.



# Instructional Materials

## Streamlining the Process

- Eliminate requirements to spend a certain percentage or level of funds on textbooks.
- Broaden definition to allow instructional material funds to be used to purchase computer hardware, software, and digital content and services.

## Suggestions

- Be mindful of funding streams – don't use long-term debt, which may outlast the technology.
- Indiana removed most statewide approval processes, reducing duplicative evaluations, freeing resources, and providing districts flexibility. This also lowers barriers to entry, opens up the market for new content providers.



# Course Reciprocity

## The Challenge:

- There is presently no alternative to each online provider separately pursuing state approval/authorization in each state. Providers must seek approval in more than 50 states and territories. Duplicative work for many state policymakers and providers.

## The Opportunity:

- Common Core has provided an opportunity for a marketplace that can take advantage of economies of scale for accessing high-quality courses.
- New agreement framework would establish a process to make state approvals more efficient and uniform in establishing quality and practice standards.
- Allows for the creation of broad course approval reciprocity agreements.
- Similar to teacher reciprocity agreements and those used in higher education.

## The Concept:

- Policy framework with a consortia of states to develop an agreed upon approval and monitoring system.
- Courses from other states would be approved in other states through a course reciprocity process.
- Courses should be:
  - equivalent in instructional rigor and scope to a course that is provided in a traditional classroom setting
  - approved in another state through its online course or distance learning course approval process if the criteria used are aligned to state code.





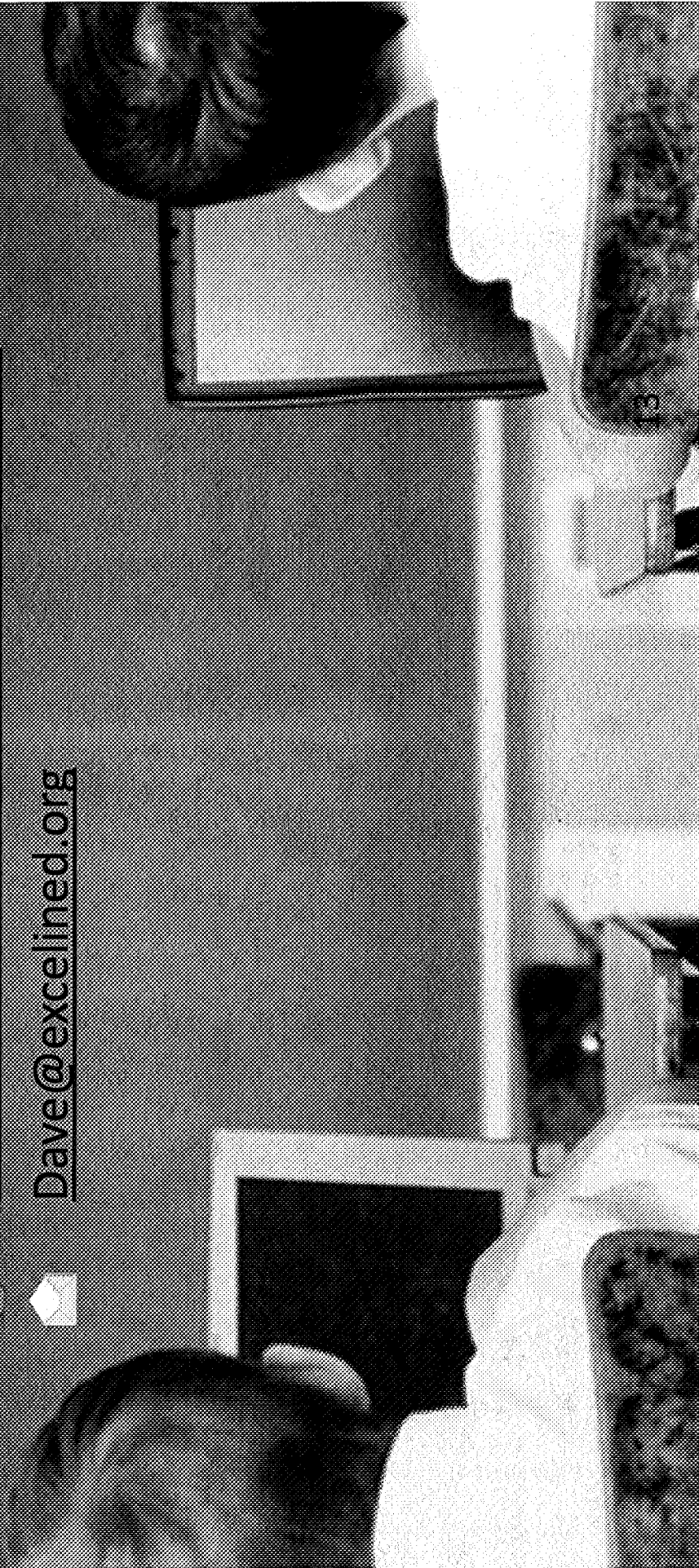
# Continue the Conversation

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[Dave@excellined.org](mailto:Dave@excellined.org)







# DIGITAL LEARNING

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Harnessing the power of technology to transform education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy

# Challenges and Opportunities

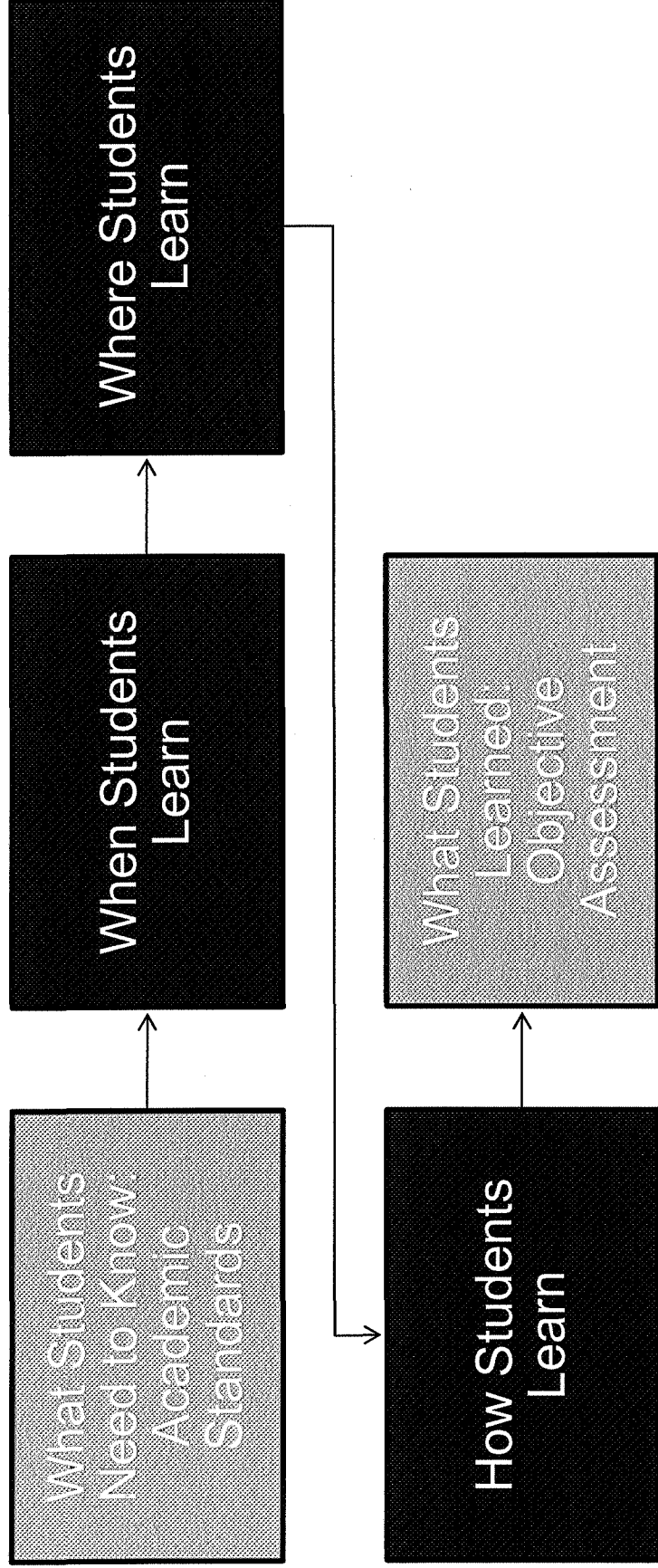
## Challenge:

Prepare each and every student with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college and challenging 21<sup>st</sup> century careers.

## Opportunities:

- Technological advances – Internet and devices
- Emerging industry of high quality content – interactive, adaptive, embedded assessments, analytics
- National market (Common Core State Standards)

# Learning in the Digital Age



# Digital Learning

“Content and instruction delivered by technology that gives students some element of control over time, place, path and/or pace.”

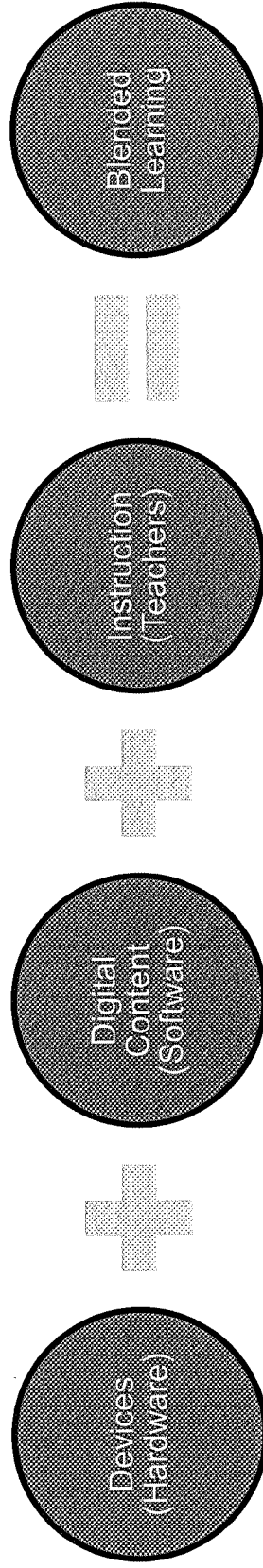
- Digital Learning Now

# Blended Learning

“Blended learning is a formal education program in which a student learns at least in part through online delivery of content and instruction with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace and at least in part at a supervised brick-and-mortar location away from home.”

*- Michael Horn, Co-Author of Disrupting Class, and  
Heather Staker, Innosight Institute*

# Key Elements of Blended Learning





# Spectrum of Instructional Models

## Traditional

- Instruction delivered by a teacher to students at the same time in the same way

## Technology-Rich

- Traditional instruction with technological enhancements, such as white boards and Internet access devices

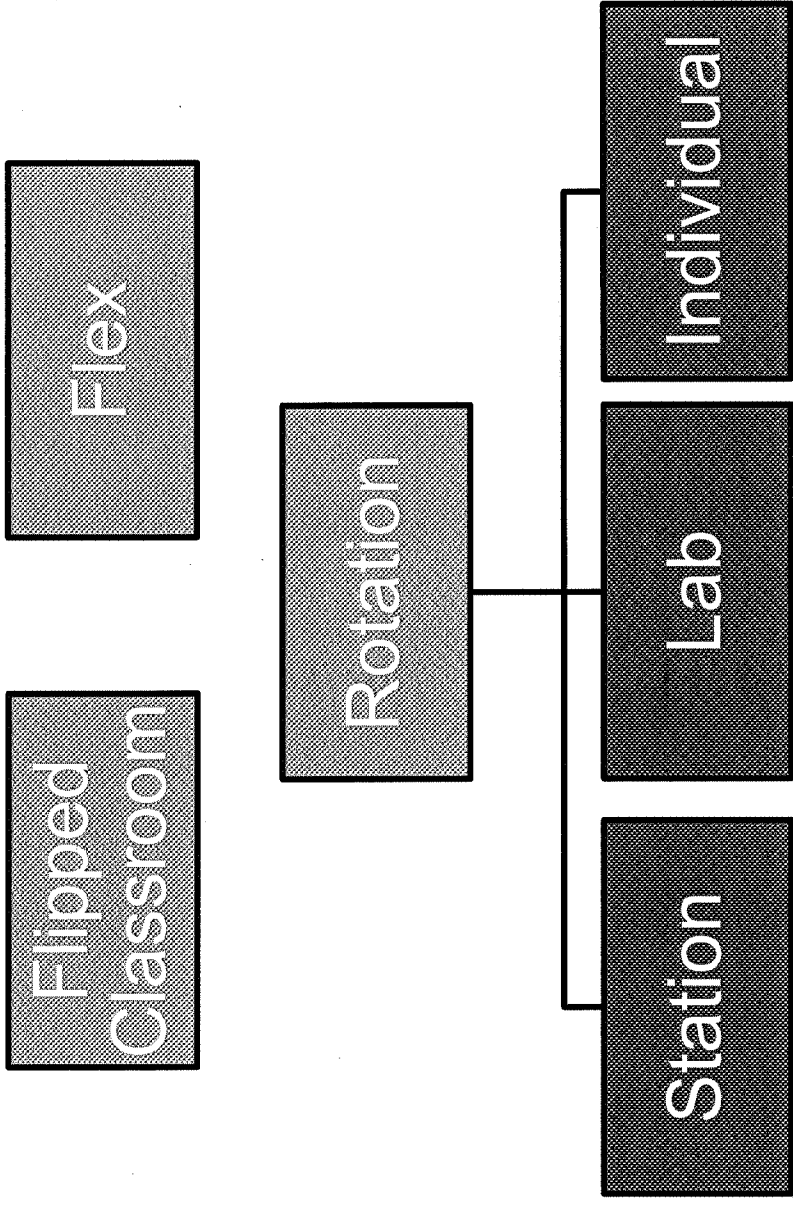
## Blended

- A combination of traditional / technology-rich and online instruction

## Virtual/Online

- Instruction delivered online where a teacher and student are separated by time and place

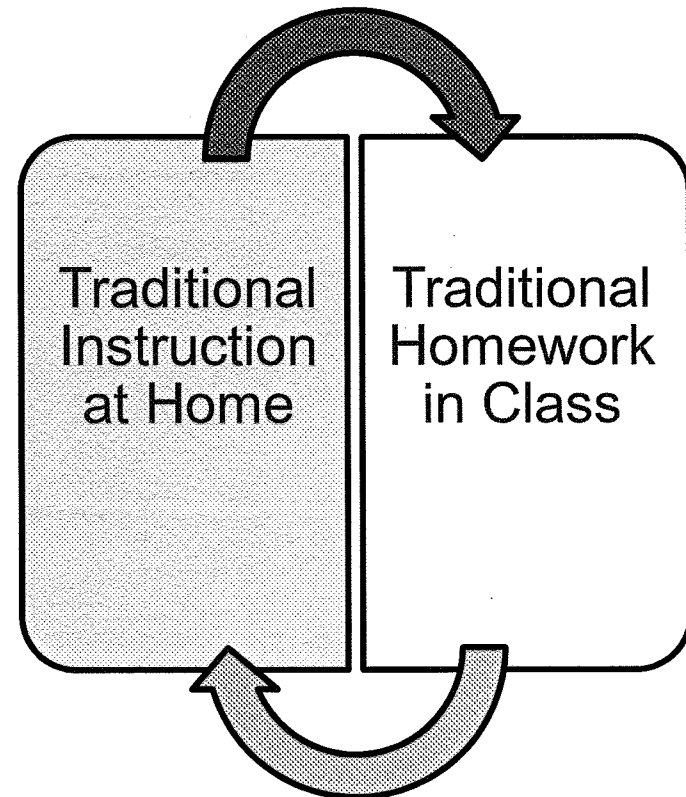
# Blended Models



# Flipped Classroom

Students watch online instructional videos for homework and practice in class with the support of a teacher

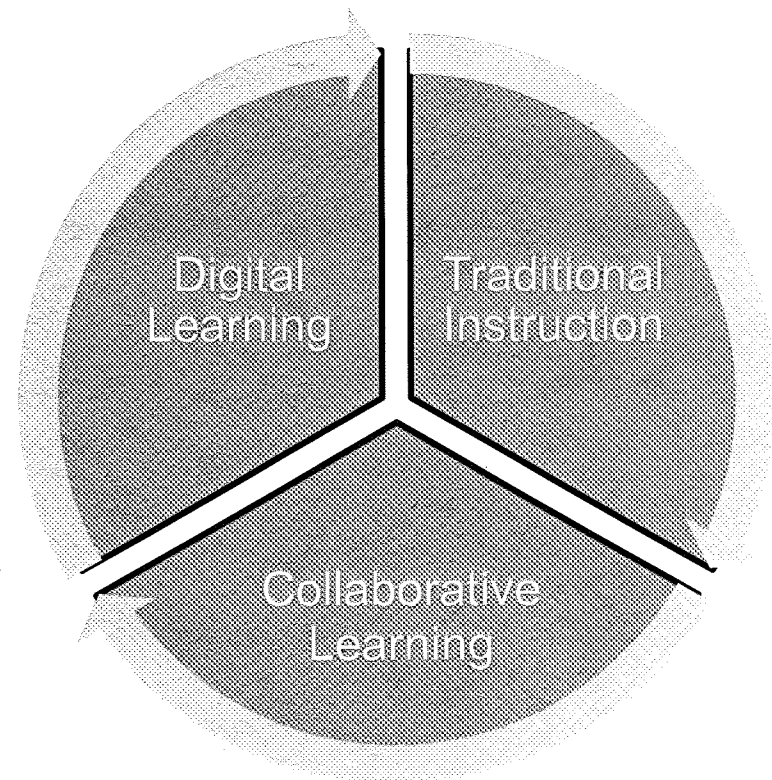
- Kahn Academy



# Station Rotation

Students rotate on a fixed schedule through different learning modalities within the same course and within the same classroom

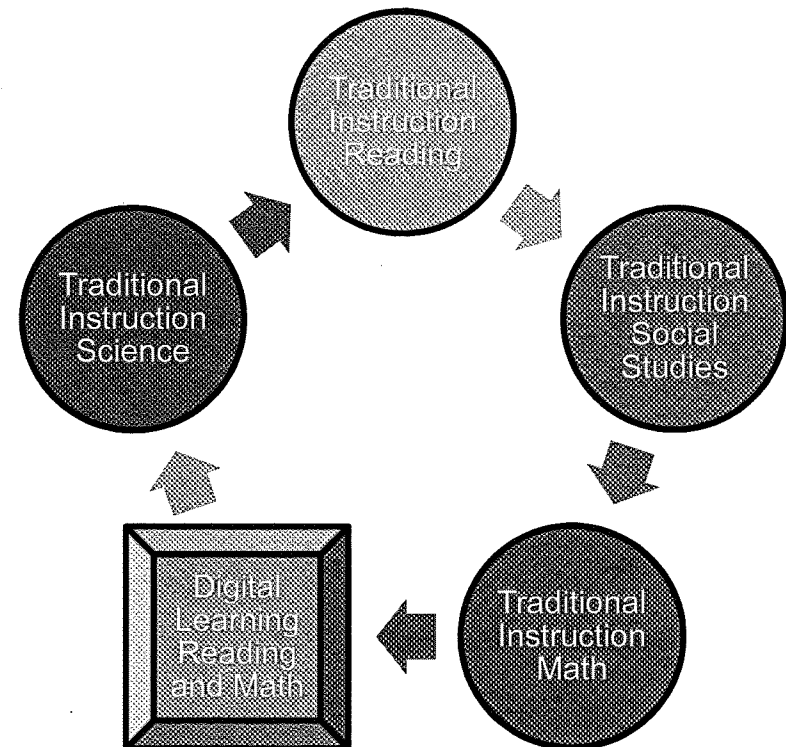
- Alliance College-Ready Public Schools



# Lab Rotation

Students rotate on a fixed schedule through different courses in different classrooms – some with traditional instruction and at least one that is a computer or learning lab

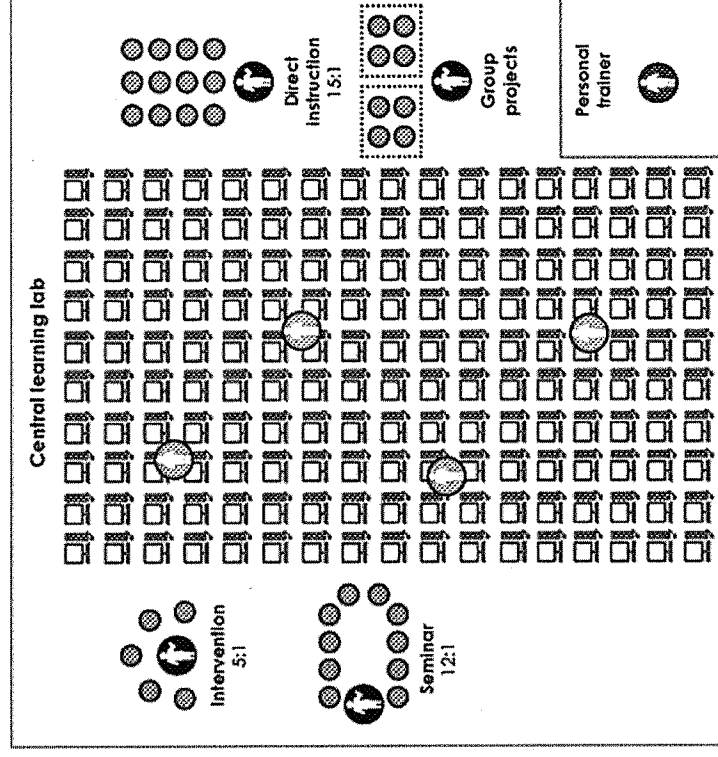
- Rocketship Education



# Individual Rotation

Students rotate on a personalized fixed schedule from their personal computer station to other learning modalities

- Carpe Diem Schools



276 students

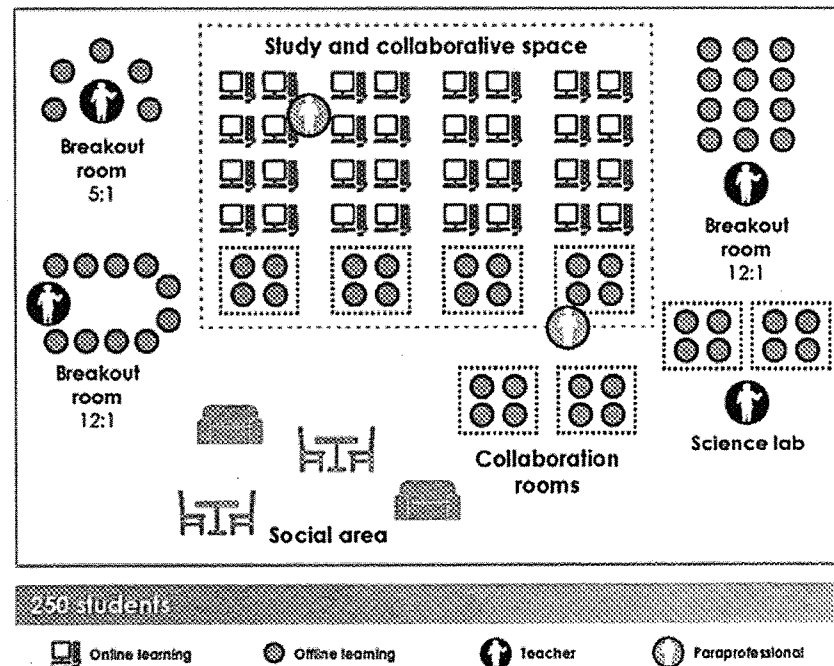


# Flex

Students rotate on a personalized flexible schedule through different learning modalities

- San Francisco Flex Academy

Figure 10. Flex model, San Francisco Flex Academy



# How do we get there?

## Start-Up School

- Do not need to overcome institutional barriers
- Greater flexibility to direct resources to greatest need
- Can build infrastructure for new model

## School Transformation

- Needs assessment of existing infrastructure (technology, content, professional development)
- Buy-in from school leadership, teachers and parents
- Planning
- Professional development and support



# One-Stop-Shop for Online Courses

**Digital Learning Department**  
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

## Course Catalog

Course Catalog: 561 Total Courses (Showing 41 - 60)

	Title	Provider	Cost	
	<a href="#">Algebra II semester 1</a>	Aventa Learning	\$284.00	
	<small>USER RATING</small> (Based on 2 reviews)			
	<a href="#">Algebra II semester 2</a>	Aventa Learning	\$284.00	
	<a href="#">Algebra IIA Credit Recovery</a>	Aventa Learning	\$175.00	
	<a href="#">Algebra IIB Credit Recovery</a>	Aventa Learning	\$175.00	
	<a href="#">American Government</a>	Aventa Learning	\$284.00	
	<a href="#">American Government A</a> <small>NEW</small>	Connections Learning	\$350.00	
	<a href="#">American Government B</a> <small>NEW</small>	Connections Learning	\$350.00	
	<a href="#">American Government Credit</a>	Aventa Learning	\$175.00	

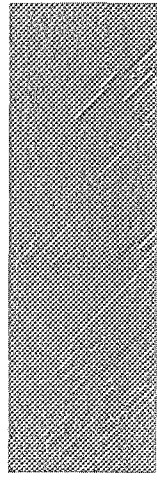
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[Business \(15\)](#)  
[ELL/ESL-supported \(65\)](#)  
[Foreign Language \(29\)](#)  
[Interdisciplinary \(2\)](#)  
[Language Arts \(78\)](#)  
[Lifeskills-Health \(27\)](#)  
[Mathematics \(104\)](#)  
[Occupational credit qualified \(4\)](#)  
[Science \(72\)](#)  
[Social Studies \(93\)](#)  
[Technology \(53\)](#)

**PROVIDER**  
[Advanced Academics \(24\)](#)  
[Apex Learning \(81\)](#)  
[Aventa Learning \(162\)](#)  
[Connections Learning \(117\)](#)  
[DigiPen Institute of Technology-Online Academics \(3\)](#)  
[EdOptions Online Academy \(49\)](#)  
[Federal Way Internet Academy \(63\)](#)  
[Giant Campus of Washington \(22\)](#)

Mary Jane Tappen

# IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL INSTRUCTION

House Choice and Innovation  
January 23, 2013



# What's Going On Digitally

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- Digital Instructional Materials Workgroup
- Digital Requirements of Districts
- Digital Requirements of Content Providers
- Examples of Innovation

# Digital Instructional Materials Workgroup

# Florida Digital Instructional Materials Work Group

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- Authorizing Legislation
  - House Bill 5101 (Chapter 2012-133, Laws of Florida)
- Members
- Scope of Work
  - Plan and monitor the implementation of the transition to digital instructional materials
    - Required report with 4 components
  - Timeline
    - Report deadline March 1, 2013

# Work Group Members

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Name	Representing	Affiliation	County
Shirley Baker	Middle School Principal	Everitt Middle School	Bay
Joe Binswanger	School District Instructional Content	Sarasota County School District	Sarasota
Steven Birnholz	Business	Florida Council of 100	Hillsborough
Connie Collins	High School Principal	Crooms Academy of Information Technology	Seminole
Tom Dana	Postsecondary Education	University of Florida	Alachua
Sharyn Gabriel	Middle School Principal	Ocoee Middle School	Orange
Kim Kendall	Parent	Parent	St. Johns
Katrina Rolle	Parent	Parent	Leon
Gary Weidenhamer	School District Instructional Technology	Palm Beach County School District	Palm Beach

# Scope of Work

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- Plan and monitor the implementation of the transition to digital instructional materials
- Submit a report which includes an implementation plan for meeting the deadline of transition to digital instructional materials. The plan must specify
  - Options for the provision of access devices for students,
  - Options for providing content by subject area,
  - Provisions for training and professional development for preservice and inservice teachers, and
  - A detailed review of options for funding, including the reprioritization of existing resources and recommendations for new funding.
- The work group's report will be submitted to the following:
  - Governor,
  - President of the Senate,
  - Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
  - State Board of Education.



# Timeline

- September 25, 2012 - Inaugural Meeting of Digital Instructional Materials Work Group
- October through December 2012
  - Biweekly webinars or conference calls
- January 2013 (in progress)
  - Draft Report
- February 2013
  - Final Report for Approval
- March 1, 2013
  - Final Report due

# First Meeting Expectations

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- Draft goals for each requirement of the report have been established.
- Recommendations to reach each of the goals are being drafted.

# Options for Providing Content by Subject Area

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- **Goal:** Content is provided with an emphasis on core subjects and courses, and subjected to a thorough and timely vetting process. Content providers should meet industry standards for interoperability for access across devices and operating systems. Existing resources, including FLVS content and vetted free digital materials, should be accessible to districts and schools through a single portal.

# Providing Content Considerations

- Utilize a State Digital Content Repository
- Evaluate the current vetting process for improvement including the utilization of a statewide committee of educators to compile and evaluate free digital content and open educational resources (OERs)
  - ▣ Adjust legislation regarding adoption to open vetting to free resources and open educational resources (OERs)

# Providing Content Considerations

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- Simplify content licensing to eliminate current complications associated with connecting each license to the appropriate student, course, and school
- Anytime, anywhere access to digital content that supports student learning tied to standards

# Provisions for training and professional development

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- **Goal:** Require on-going differentiated professional development for educators from the teacher education program to new teachers. Establish a thorough compilation of current and effective district-utilized professional development tools, focusing on the use of technology as an instructional tool, for sharing across the state.

# Professional Development Considerations

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## Recommendations:

- Require initial teacher preparation programs (ITP) to ensure candidates are ready to fully integrate digital instructional materials into lessons that support Florida's standards.
- Provide all new teachers, including those new to Florida, with professional development training to fully integrate digital instruction materials into lessons that support Florida Standards.

# Professional Development Considerations

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## Recommendations:

- Startup funding for a minimum of 3 years toward digital implementation professional Development
- Provide educators a one year head start for technology
  - ▣ Teacher has access to device and content before implementation in the classroom to increase proficiency



# Professional Development Considerations

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## Recommendations:

- Utilize the Florida Digital Educator's (FDE) Model to provide professional development in integrating digital instructional materials
- Align Technology Integration Matrix (TIM) with the professional development needed for digital implementation

# Professional Development Considerations

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## Recommendations:

- Create an Instructional Coach/Master Teacher endorsement for educators who can provide technologically-enhanced and technologically-based professional development with possible additional funding for the endorsement.

# Digital Requirements of Districts

# District Instructional Materials Appropriation

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- Expend at least 50% of instructional materials allocation on state-adopted **digital** materials by 2015-16
  - School districts retain flexibility in spending remainder of allocation; therefore this is not a requirement that all purchases be digital
  - One content area per year; therefore all adopted content areas within five years from 2015-16 through 2019-20

# District Digital Systems

- Local Instructional Improvement Systems are in compliance with FDOE minimum standards by June 30, 2014
  - Minimum standards issued through Race To The Top in January 2011

# Current Requirements of Content Providers

# Instructional Content Providers

- Submit content for review in an electronic format
- Meet digital specifications adopted by the department including minimum format requirements that will enable:
  - ▣ Electronic and digital content to be accessed through the district's local instructional improvement system
  - ▣ A variety of mobile, electronic, and digital devices
- Provide materials in an unbundled format for purchase

# Examples of Innovation



# Florida Virtual Curriculum Marketplace

- ▣ Provides a single point of entry for Florida teachers to search for, obtain, and assign educationally proven, national- and Florida-standards- aligned and safe digital content
- ▣ New digital content and content providers being added continuously

# Common Core State Standards Digital Resources

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- English language arts and mathematics formative assessments
  - ▣ Instructional tasks to support differentiation of instruction
  - ▣ Teacher professional development toolkits to support use of tasks and lesson study
- Test item bank for teacher, school and district use
  - ▣ All core content areas and Spanish
  - ▣ Hard to measure content areas

# Common Core State Standards Digital Resources

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- The Illustrative Mathematics Project
  - ▣ Mathematics lessons
  - ▣ Professional development
  - ▣ Math learning progressions
- iCPALMS – a web-based Portal for Standards Based Instruction –  
<http://www.cpalms.org/homepage/index.aspx>
  - ▣ Common Core State Standards
  - ▣ 3000+ model lessons
  - ▣ Professional development tools

# Monitoring and Support for District Readiness

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- Beginning this month each district will have to report their readiness to implement the Common Core State Standards and digital instruction
  
- <http://admin.flccss.org>
- <http://www.fldigitalreadiness.org>

# Questions



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*It all started  
with an idea....*





*In the beginning...*



*Transformation...*



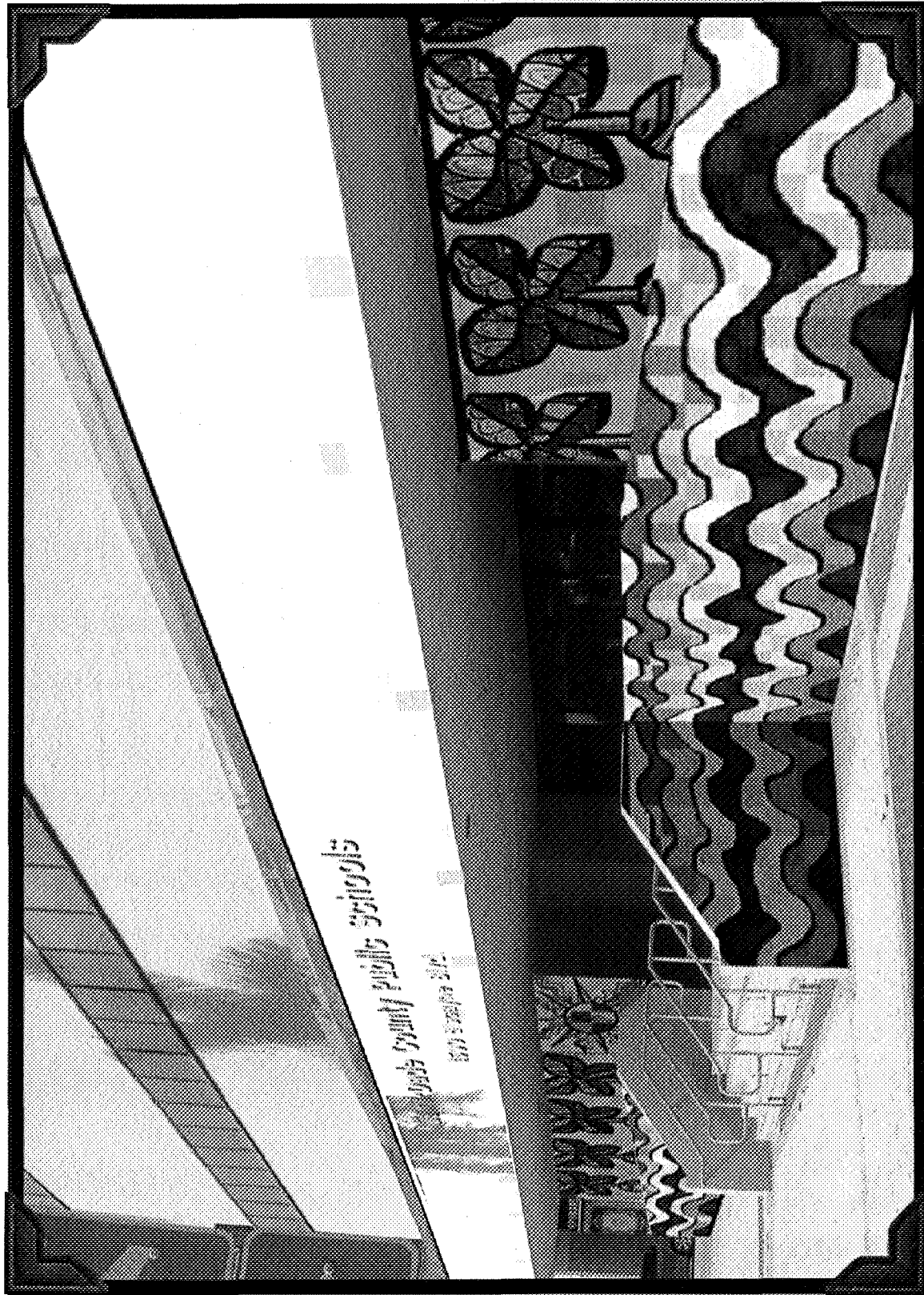
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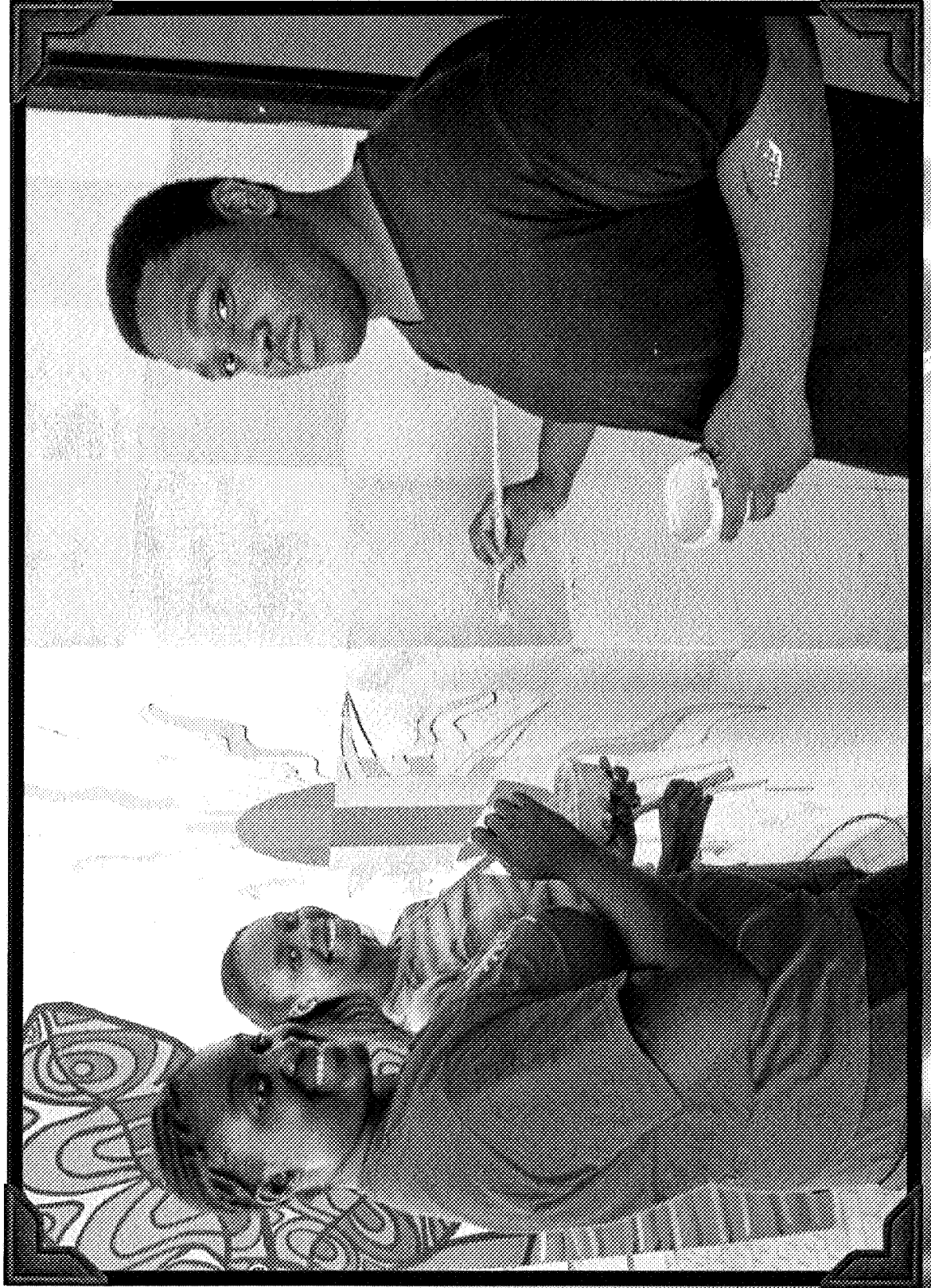
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*How the dream took shape...*

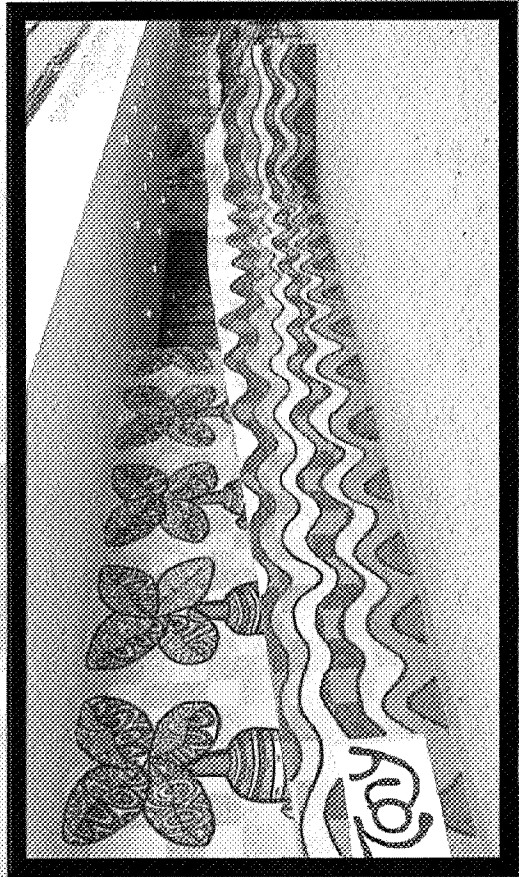
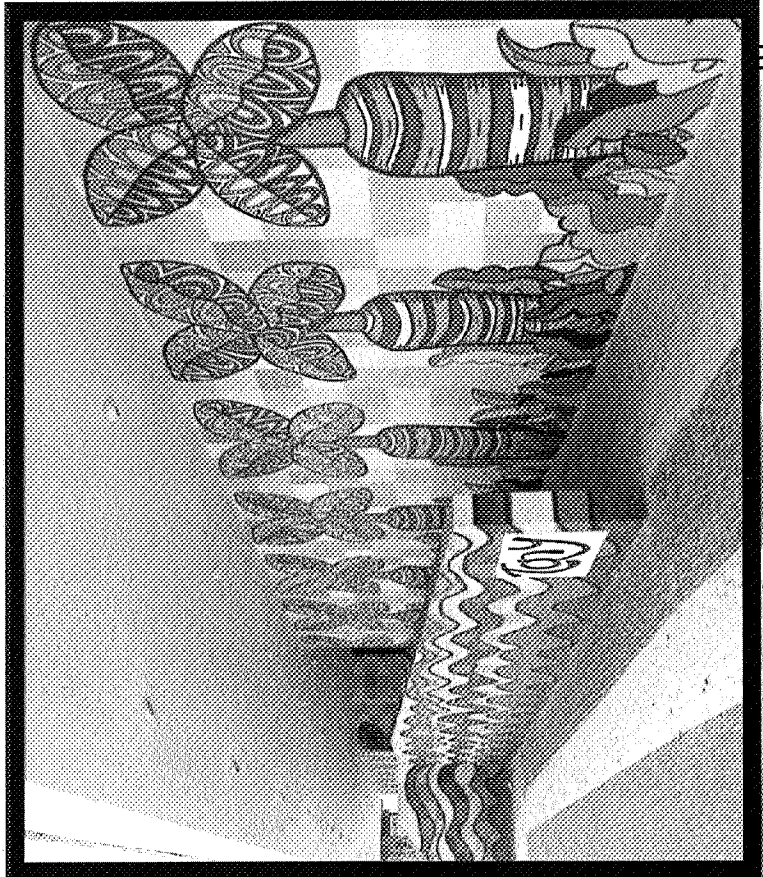


*Vision turned into action...*



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# *The Inaugural Year*

- Student population: 49 juniors (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Transportation: None
- Percent free and reduced lunch: 45%



# *The Curriculum*

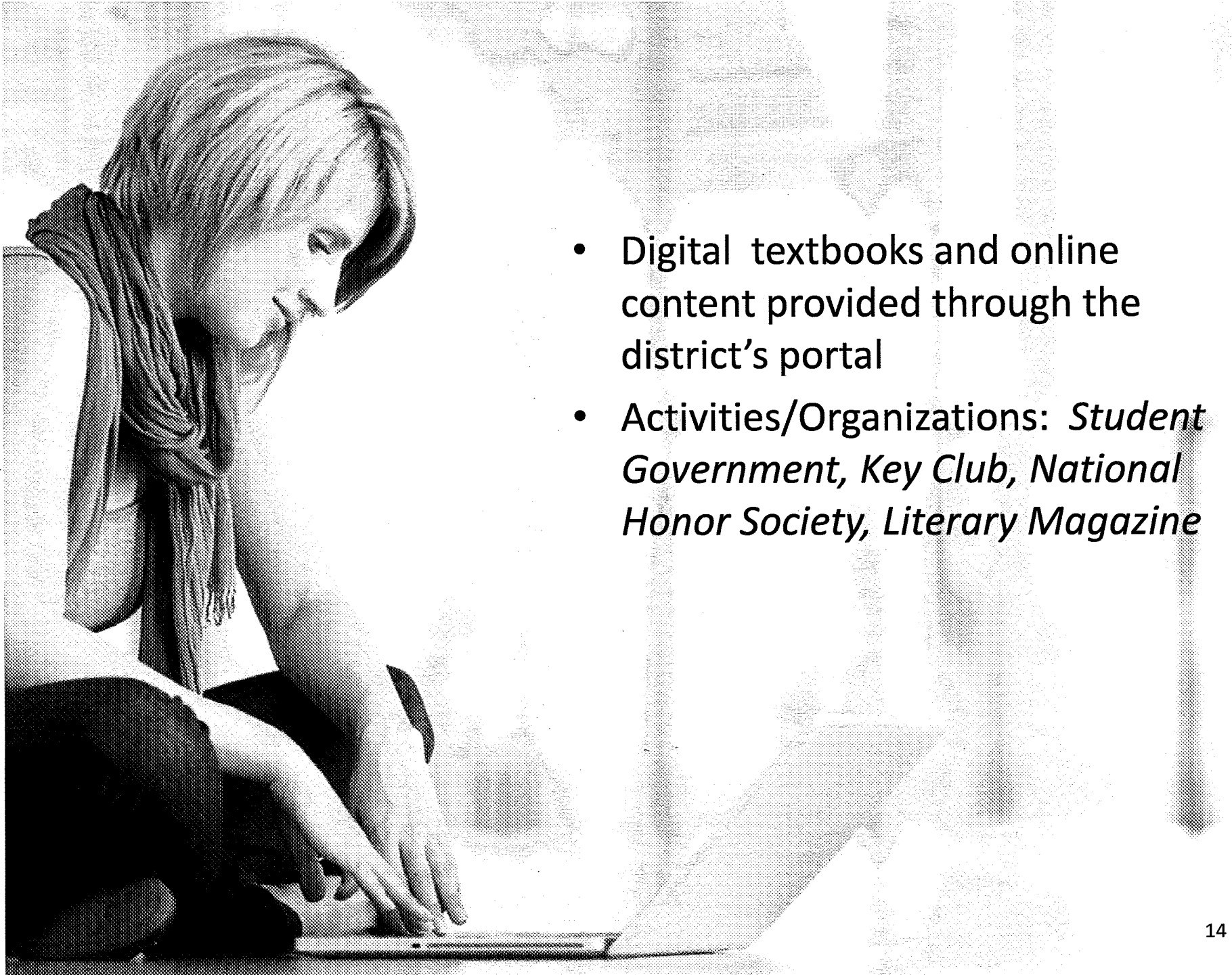
- Math and science classes are provided online through the state's online school (Florida Virtual School)
- Onsite classes are English, American History, Business Technology, Research



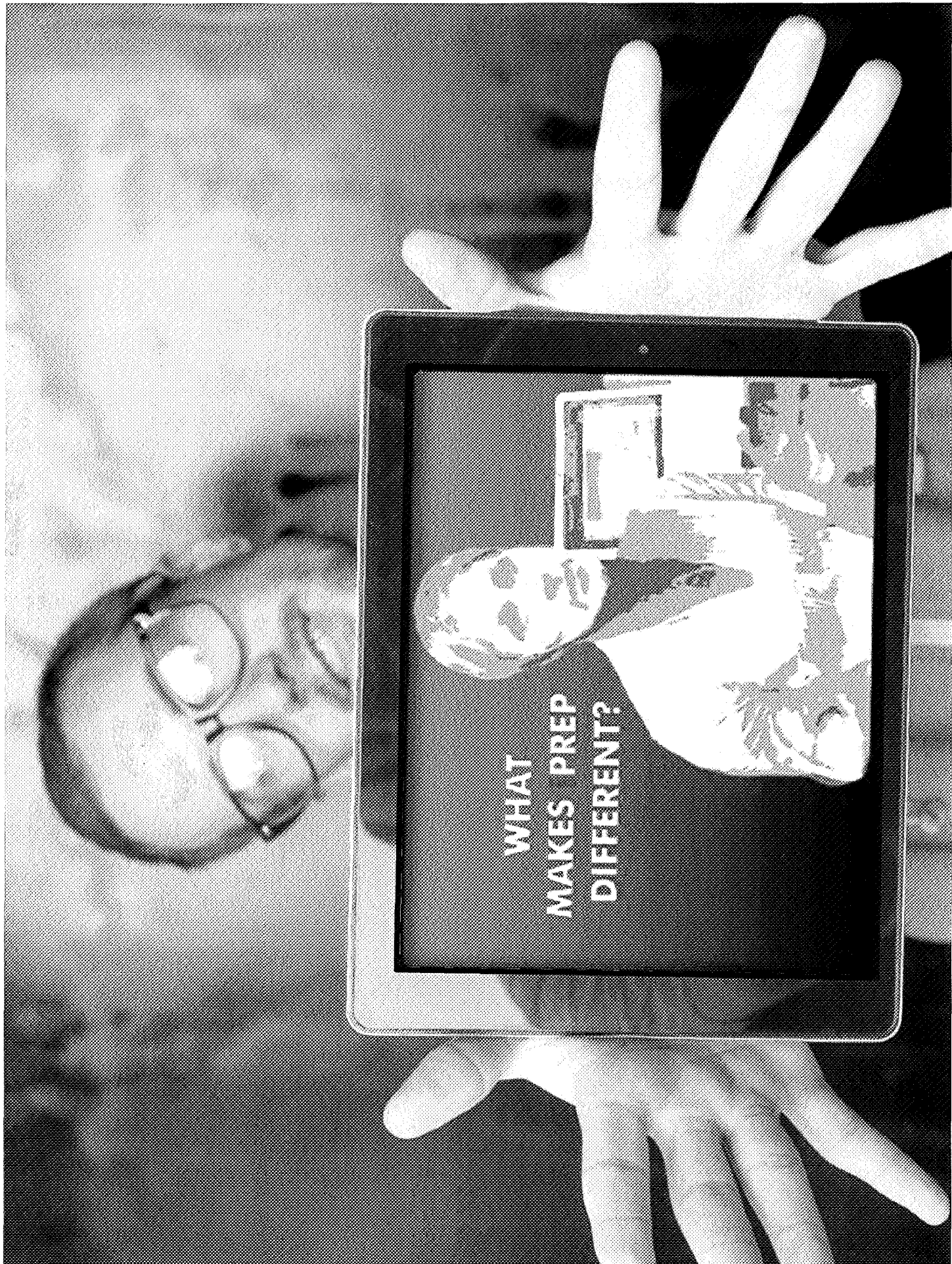
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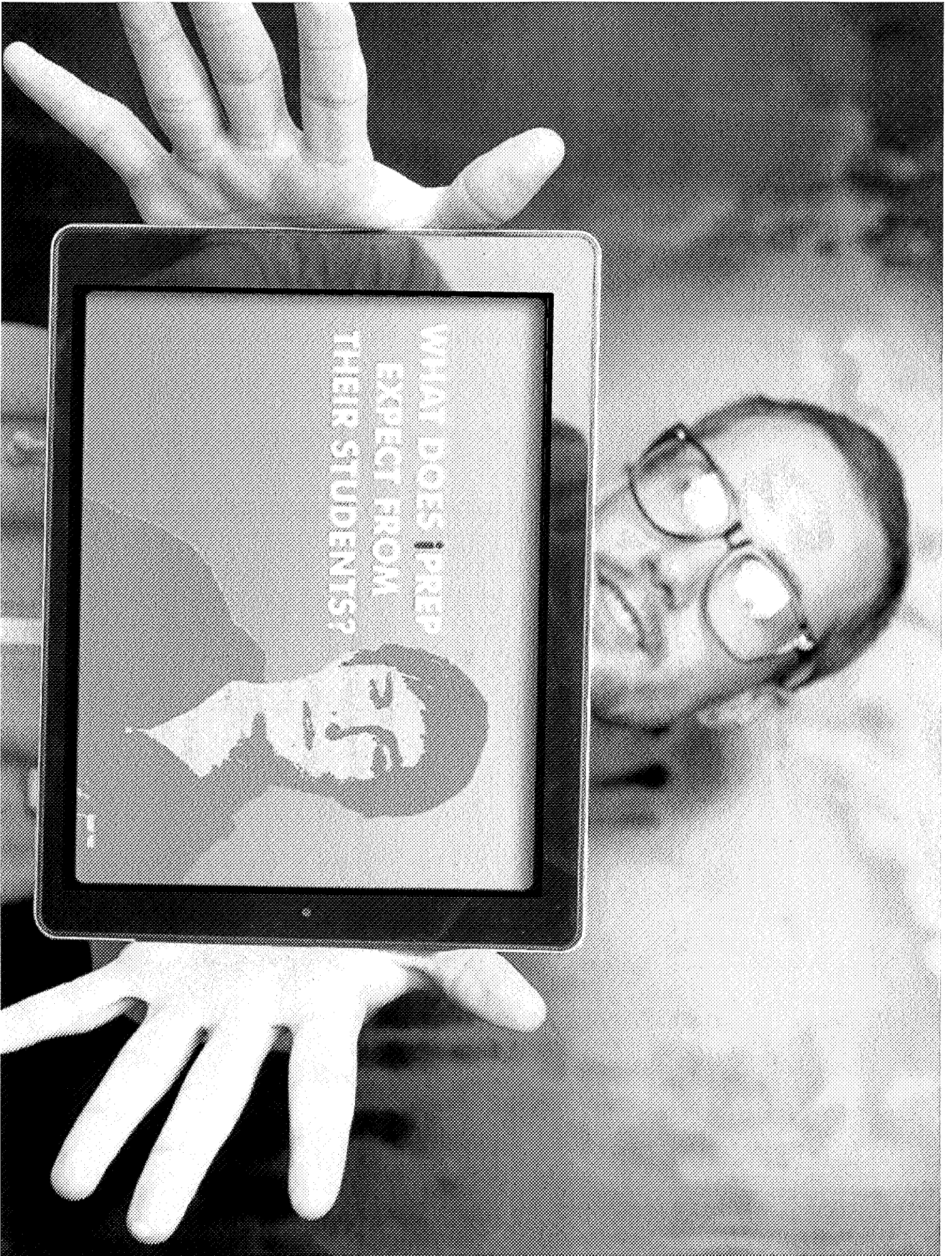
- Business partners
  - ✓ *The Miami Herald*
  - ✓ *Arsht Center for the Performing Arts*
  - ✓ *University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital*
  - ✓ *Media Relations Group, T&G Construction*
  - ✓ *Miami Jewish Health System*
  - ✓ *Miami International University of Art and Design*
  - ✓ *WLRN*
  - ✓ *The Wolfsonian*
  - ✓ *And more*





- Digital textbooks and online content provided through the district's portal
- Activities/Organizations: *Student Government, Key Club, National Honor Society, Literary Magazine*





WHAT DOES iPREP  
EXPECT FROM  
THEIR STUDENTS?

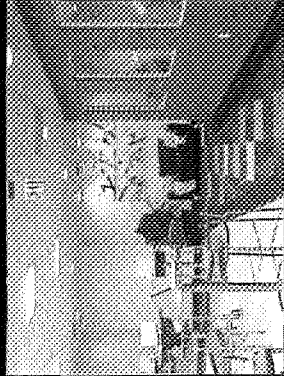
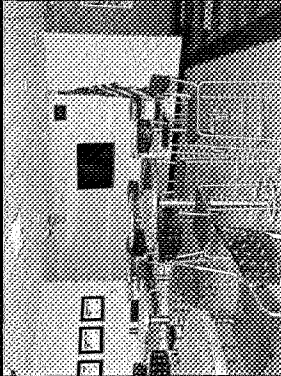
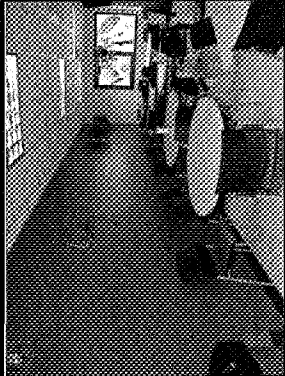
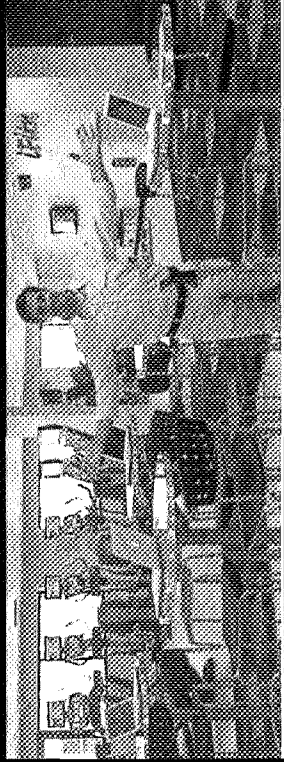




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# *Growing the Franchise*

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School	2012-2013 Enrollment
G. Holmes Braddock	36
Miami Killian	156
Miami Palmetto	81
Felix Varela	238
Hialeah-Miami Lakes	50
Miami Norland	42
North Miami Beach	77
iPrep Downtown	143
iPrep Centennial	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>840</b>





# Where did these students come from?

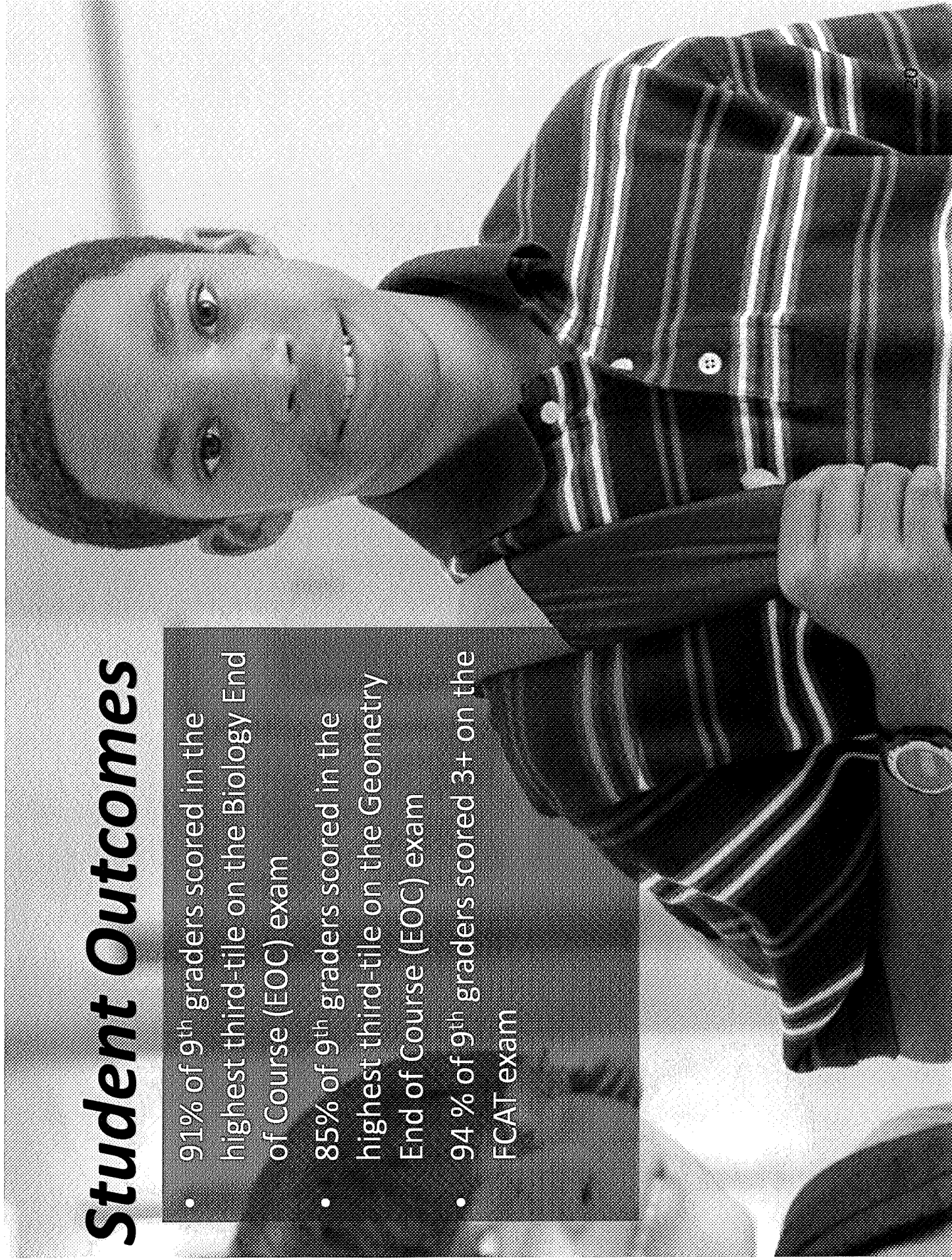
School	Private/ New	Charter	M-DCPS	Total Applicants
Miami Killian Senior	23	62	687	772
iPrep Academy	15	62	483	560
Felix Varela Senior	10	38	578	626
N. Miami Beach High	6	27	110	143
	54	189	1858	2101

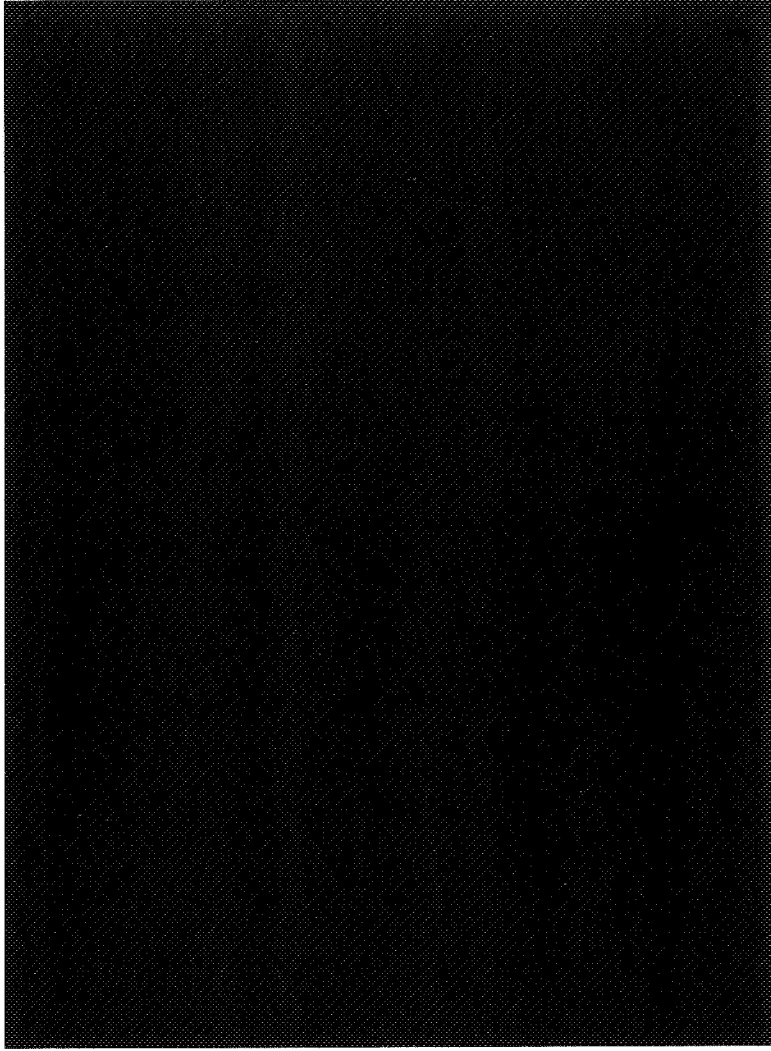
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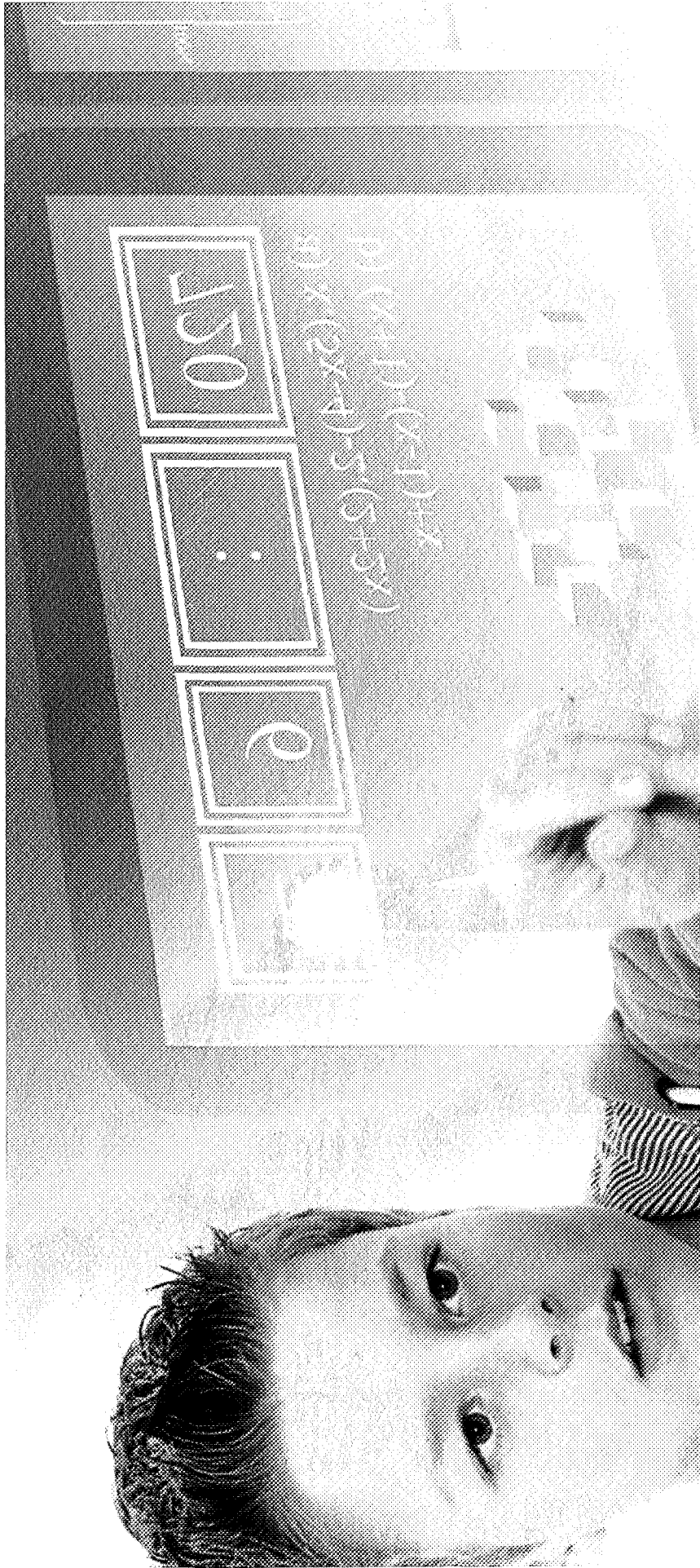


# ***Student Outcomes***

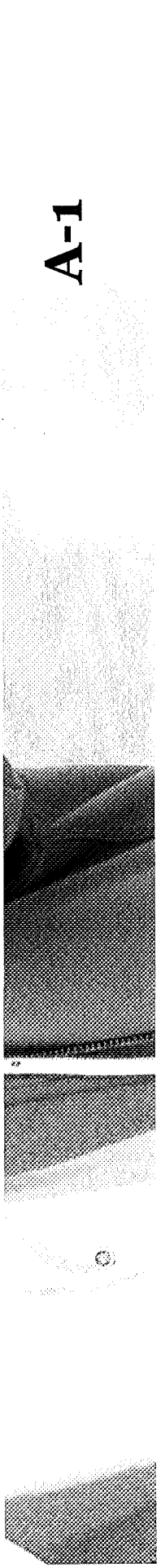
- 91% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders scored in the highest third-tile on the Biology End of Course (EOC) exam
- 85% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders scored in the highest third-tile on the Geometry End of Course (EOC) exam
- 94 % of 9<sup>th</sup> graders scored 3+ on the FCAT exam



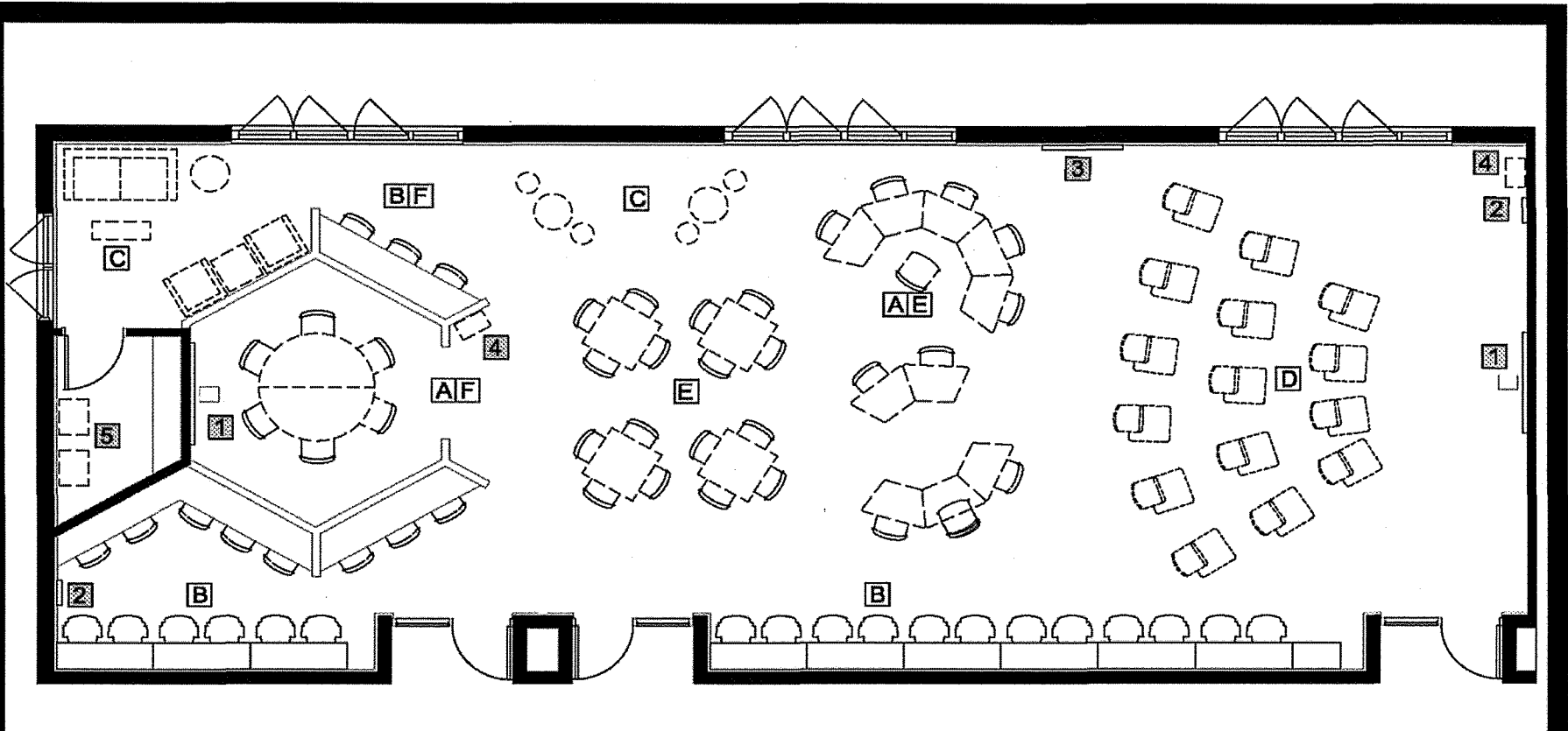




# Race to the Top – District RTT-D



# iPrep Next Generation



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 ANDOVER MIDDLE  
 HIALEAH GARDENS MIDDLE  
 ZELDA GLAZER MIDDLE

- A** INTERVENTION /TUTORING
- B** INDIVIDUALIZED/COMPUTER-BASED INDEPENDENT COURSEWORK
- C** LEISURE SEATING
- D** LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION
- E** COLLABORATIVE AREA/GROUP PROJECTS
- F** LARGE GROUP PROJECT/PRESENTATION

- 1** INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARD
- 2** LED CLOCK
- 3** FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION
- 4** TECH CENTER
- 5** CHARGING CHARTS

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